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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract with the following new abstract, which is attached on a separate page:

A device for sorting flat mailings has a pouch loop system defining a transport path including a lower level and an upper level coupled via level transitions. The transport path has several partial loops including the level transitions and arranged within an inner area of the pouch loop system. The level transitions are positioned adjacent to one another within the inner area of the pouch loop system. The device includes further pouches and pouch loading stations coupled to the pouch loop system, wherein each partial loop includes at the lower level one of the pouch loading stations, and wherein the pouch loading stations are arranged adjacent to one another on the lower level. The pouches travel along the pouch loop system, wherein each pouch receives one flat mailing, and is configured for a controlled emptying corresponding to a read target address and a sorting plan.

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